Census on the basis of community

3253. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up of 2001 Census on the basis of community; and

(b) what has been the growth-rate in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Community-wise population as per the Census of India, 2001 is not presently available for want of processing of relevant data.

(b) Does not arise.

Inquiry Commission to look into loss of life and property in Manipur

3254. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any inquiry Committee/Commission for in depth study arising out of huge loss of life and property due to recent crisis in the State of Manipur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the time by when the said report of the Commission is likely to be submitted to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Poor condition of Government shelters

†3255. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that condition of women living in Government shelters is very pathetic and these shelters are in a depleted condition;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Judges also hesitate to send the girls and women in these Government shelters;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct any inquiry and to improve the condition of these Government shelters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The Department of Women and Child Development is implementing a Scheme known as Short Stay Homes for women and girls. The Scheme is administered by the Central Social Welfare Board through voluntary organizations for women who face social and moral danger due to family problems, mental strains, social ostracism and exploitation. The scheme is meant to rehabilitate women within a short period of time. The services extended in these homes include medical care, psychiatric treatment, casework services, occupational therapy, education-cum-vocational training and recreational facilities. The Department of Women and Child Development has not received any complaint regarding the pathetic condition of these homes.

(d) The Central Social Welfare Board regularly monitors these homes through its field machinery/State Boards and if necessary, inspection reports are also obtained from the State Governments. Besides regular inspection, quarterly progress reports are also obtained from the aided voluntary organizations. On the basis of these reasons the institutions are given guidance to improve the functioning of the Homes. Voluntary organizations are also being guided by the Visiting Officers to implement the schemes more effectively. Wherever necessary warning and show cause notices are also issued to the institutions where functioning of the homes is not found up to the mark. Therefore, the Department of Women and Child Development does not propose to conduct any inquiry.

Study on sexual abuse

3256. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study released by the Ministry has revealed the 15 per cent of 15—17 years old had been victims of sexual abuse including rape;

(b) the steps taken by Government to stop recurrence of such incidents;

(c) the role of women's NGOs in this regard; and